

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL ROOFING WEEK

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Roofing Contractors Association headquartered in Rosemont, Ill., and its efforts to designate the week of June 6–12, 2021, as National Roofing Week.

The roof is one of the most important components of any home or business. It is the first line of defense against natural elements, such as rain, snow or wind, and yet it is often taken for granted until it falls into disrepair. National Roofing Week honors the thousands of roofing-related businesses and workers across the country, as well as the industry's commitment to public service. National Roofing Week is a valuable reminder of the significance quality roofing has on every home and business in the U.S.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. NRCA has nearly 4,000 roofing company members who represent the entire roofing supply chain. Using its vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures in America. Most of its members are small, privately held businesses that provide family-sustaining jobs for thousands of hardworking individuals who are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, on and off the clock. NRCA members will recognize National Roofing Week June 6–12 by supporting numerous charitable projects and employee training programs throughout the nation. I commend NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, due to a death in the family, I was unable to cast my vote on May 11, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 134.

HONORING KITTY WILLIAMS AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mrs. Kitty Williams, a Holocaust survivor and tireless advocate, as our Iowan of the Week. Mrs. Williams is a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa. She is a public speaker who travels to schools with the goal of educating the youth of America about her experiences as a survivor and to ensure that the memory of the Holocaust and the horrors of hate, bigotry, and discrimination are never forgotten. She is described as extremely resilient and tough as nails and I couldn't be more proud of the work she has done to educate youth and people from all walks of life.

Through Kitty's imprisonment at Auschwitz and later in Allendorf, she endured unspeakable atrocities. While she suffered greatly, she survived and worked to make a life for herself. She ultimately made her way to the United States. In her first marriage she experienced heartbreak and the loss of her son. She had been pressured to hide her Jewish heritage and her past but struggled to deny her heritage and the horror she experienced. Eventually, she became a working single mother and trained bank tellers. She remarried and found a loving husband who embraced her past.

Through a challenging life, Kitty has persevered and survived. She has taken these experiences and—despite great heartache and trials—has touched the lives of countless individuals and made a lasting impact on the lives of those she interacts with. While the pandemic had brought a halt to her ability to do presentations, she has since been able to secure a vaccine and fully intends to continue her work at the age of 96 educating and giving speeches to school children.

During Women's History Month it is crucial to remember the hard-fought rights and freedoms gained by women like Kitty. Her bravery and determination highlight the efforts taken by those who came before us. While stories like Kitty's aren't often told or shared, her grit and force of will show how women can and must persist.

We can never forget our past and the atrocities that have been committed as there are still too many instances of bigotry and hate occurring today. It is through stories like Kitty's that we can bridge the experiences of those in the past and connect to the battles still to come.

Kitty's efforts to educate others and be an advocate is inspiring and I hope she can soon return to schools to remind the next generation to stay vigilant in the face of adversity and to be allies to those who face discrimination. I am proud to represent constituents like Kitty Williams, who aren't afraid to stand up for themselves and ensure the next generation

doesn't forget the past. In this third week of Women's History Month, I couldn't be happier to name Ms. Kitty Williams our Iowan of the Week.

EXPLANATION OF "NO" VOTE ON H.R. 1629

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I voted No on H.R. 1629. Although I support the bill, I do not support the tactics by which it was brought to the floor. H.R. 1629 was once a bipartisan bill but now, like so many other good bills, it will fail due to the pettiness of partisanship.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM "BILL" EBEL, CITY MANAGER OF OVERLAND PARK

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William "Bill" Ebel, City Manager of Overland Park for his exemplary professional accomplishments. Mr. Ebel has been recognized by the American Public Works Association's as one of their "Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year".

Mr. Ebel has lived a life committed to public service. Before serving as city manager of Overland Park, Kansas, Mr. Ebel graduated from West Point and served for 21 years in the United States Army. He continued pursuing an interest in public service through his graduate studies in public administration and civil engineering.

In over a decade of public service as city manager, Mr. Ebel has prioritized solutions and innovation. He championed the Indian Creek Flood Control Project which solved flooding issues, created development opportunities, and demonstrated his commitment to building partnerships between the public and private sectors. This commitment to public-private partnerships has allowed Mr. Ebel to explore innovative financing solutions to fund development and infrastructure improvements. This is just a small glimpse into a lifetime of work that has led to this professional achievement.

One of the most rewarding parts of representing the Kansas Third District is hearing about the exemplary service and accomplishments of my fellow Kansans. Mr. Ebel is certainly no exception and I commend him for his dedication to our state and to our country.

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GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL PROGRAM ENTERS MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the players, coaches, and student managers of the Glasgow High School Boys Basketball Program who were recently enshrined in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

This small Howard County community in Missouri's 4th Congressional District has produced one of the most successful basketball programs in state history . . . with the Yellowjackets advancing to 16 Final Fours and earning Class 1 State championships in 1974, 1978, and again in 1980. In addition, this roundball powerhouse has won 37 district titles and 28 conference championships.

The 1986 movie "Hoosiers" told the story of a basketball team from a small Indiana town as it earned glory against all odds. It could easily be the story of the Glasgow High School basketball team—a small town team with a tremendous record of success. Congratulations to Glasgow High School's Boys Basketball Program on entering the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

IN MEMORY OF MICHELLE
SANFORD

HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and celebrate the life of Mrs. Michelle Sanford, a resident of Pewaukee, Wisconsin who passed away at the age of 52 on April 19, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Michelle will be remembered for her spirited and uplifting energy that she brought into every corner of her life. To her colleagues at the Association of Equipment Manufacturers, where she worked for more than 20 years, Michelle's infectious laughter and smile will be missed. As will her energy that she brought to every project no matter how big or small, or close or far. Michelle started her career as a secretary at AEM, and quickly grew to become an integral leader of the AEM exhibitions and operations team. She oversaw operations for AEM's many trade shows, and she traveled the globe to support international exhibitions in China, India, and Russia, among other places.

Michelle enjoyed her time with family and giving back to her community. She volunteered at many organizations but notably volunteered with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Wisconsin. Michelle served on their board and as a direct volunteer.

On behalf of Wisconsin's 5th Congressional District, it is my privilege to celebrate the life and legacy of Michelle Sanford for her outstanding contributions to our community. I offer my heartfelt condolences to Michelle's family, including her loving husband Donald, her mother Claire, and her many nieces,

nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends she is survived by.

RECOGNIZING THE DIGNITY HEALTH DOMINICAN HOSPITAL AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2021 AL SMITH FRIEND OF AGRICULTURE AWARD

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Dignity Health Dominican Hospital as the recipient of the 2021 Al Smith Friend of Agriculture Award. As a strong supporter of local agriculture, the Dignity Health Dominican Hospital has been instrumental in the COVID-19 vaccination efforts for our local farmworkers.

Dignity Health Dominican Hospital's values include compassion, inclusion, integrity, excellence, and collaboration. By leading the charge in providing COVID-19 vaccines to farmworkers in Santa Cruz County, they have demonstrated the impact and importance of their mission in our community.

Dignity Health Dominican Hospital will celebrate their 80th Anniversary later this year. It has always been the Hospital's steadfast mission to serve all who come through its doors, regardless of ability to pay. When its founders, the Adrian Dominican Sisters, arrived in Santa Cruz in 1941, they traveled from Michigan to reopen a failed hospital on West Cliff Drive. Even though only one of them was an active healthcare worker, they felt driven to provide care for our community. In 1988, the hospital joined what was then known as Catholic Healthcare West. Their founding tenets of community outreach and helping those in need have remained the driving values for the Dignity Health Dominican Hospital as it moved into the 21st century.

Dignity Health Dominican Hospital has evolved to offer the greater surrounding community the kind of cutting-edge technology typically reserved for large metropolitan areas, earning them the recognition they deserve. The 2021 Al Smith Friend of Agriculture Award was awarded to the Hospital for their creation of the first large-scale vaccination clinic in California that is focused on farmworkers. Additionally, they worked with local partners, such as the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau, to develop a formula to ensure equity in vaccine distribution to local farmworkers. Their ongoing efforts during vaccine distribution made Santa Cruz County a model for prioritizing farmworkers for counties throughout the country.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the compassion, excellence, and community support exemplified by the Dignity Health Dominican Hospital, and I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing their service. I extend my personal appreciation to the healthcare workers, administrators, and staff of the Dignity Health Dominican Hospital for their service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2021 TRUMAN SCHOLARS

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2021 Truman Scholars. These 62 individuals were chosen from a record applicant pool of 845. These students were nominated based on their records of leadership, public service, and academic achievement.

They are: Sagal Ahmed, Joris Alawoe, Abigail Alvarez, Oseremhen Arheghan, Sarah Beisner, Mercedes Blancaflor, Tarik Brown, Tatyana Brown, Alessandra Brussel Faria, Sophie Cardin, Yu Jing Chen, Ronnie Clevensine, Jarrell Daniels, Dominique DiSpirito, David Edgerton III, Cosimo Fabrizio, Max German, Carlee Goldberg, Catherine Hadley, Nicholas Hakes, Halima Hamud, Noah Harris, Austin Hickle, Emma Hotz, Chanise Jackson, Cassandra James, Andre Jimenez, Gurtaran Johal, Dhwan Kharel, Jessica Lambert, Chase Lee, Mia LeJeune, Abel Liu, Destiny Magnett, Thor Manson, Gregory Marchal, Kehani Mendiola, Gregory Miller, Rachel Miner, Jenna Mu, Daud Mumin, Araoluwa Omotowa, Isha-LaShay Phillips, Sage Phillips, Lexi Raikes, Makaila Ranges, Tayna Rivera Rodriguez, Abigail Roston, Grace Roy, Eli Sabin, Naomi See, Sakshi Sehgal, Hillary Shah, Olivia Shipp, Abigail Smith, Klarke Stricklen, Coleman Warren, Claire Wayner, Sena Wazer, Max Williamson, Samuel Zahn, and Felita Zhang.

The Truman Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 to honor President Harry S. Truman's legacy of extraordinary public service. The Truman Scholarship serves as a living monument to that legacy. As a former Truman scholar myself, I look forward to seeing how this class continues that legacy.

IN HONOR OF THE YORK THEATRE
COMPANY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the York Theatre Company as it works to fully reopen. The York Theatre Company was founded by Janet Hayes Walker in 1969. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the York Theatre produced nearly 200 musical theater performances each year, reaching over 37,000 patrons. During the coronavirus shutdown, the Theatre streamed an online series, so that its patrons could continue to experience and enjoy musical theater. Unfortunately, on top of an already difficult year for New York City theaters, the York Theatre Company's physical home was devastated by a flood caused by a municipal water main break in January.

The unique mission of the York Theatre Company is two-fold as it aspires to produce new musical works, as well as rediscover musicals of the past. The York Theatre hosts several programs and activities that encourage musical theatre students to engage in Off-